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JP 2791422 was cited by the Japanese Patent Office against Japanese patent application number 2000-68176, which is one of the counterpart Japanese applications of the subject application.

JP 2791422 is the granted patent of Japanese application number 2-418366, which is one of the priority Japanese applications of the subject application. Therefore, it is believed that JP 2791422 is not prior art to the subject application. U.S. Patent 6,252,249, U.S. Patent 6,023,075 and U.S. Patent 6,306,213 claim priority to Japanese application 2-418366 and are therefore in the family of JP 2791422 and the subject application.

JP 62-052924 was cited by an opponent during the opposition period against Japanese Patent 3272687, which in turn claims the priority of Japanese application number 2-418366.

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